

### Roxbury Heritage State Park Signature Park Project



#### **Construction Update Meeting #3**

August 14, 2017, 6:30 pm -8:00 pm
Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry/First Church of Roxbury
10 Putnam Street, Upper Level, Boston, MA 02119



#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor

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**Energy and Environmental Secretary** 

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#### **DCR Mission Statement**



To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all.

#### **DCR - Cultural Resource Stewards**

- Over 2,000 historic sites within DCR's 450,000 acres
- Over 100 are listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- 12 National Historic Landmarks









#### **DCR - Cultural Resource Stewards**

- Responsible for the protection of cultural resources representing over 12,000 years of history
- Buildings, structures, landscapes, archaeological sites and archival resources





#### **Meeting Purpose**

Provide an update on the Roxbury
 Heritage State Park Signature Park Project
 construction and exhibit design

 Respond to questions and community concerns about the project





## Roxbury Heritage State Park: An Important Community Resource

 Site has been used for thousands of years.

 The Dillaway Thomas House, built in the 1750s, stands as a witness to the changes in Roxbury over time.

 DCR recognizes that the property is an important community landmark and serves as a symbol of Roxbury's enduring spirit.





#### **Roxbury Heritage State Park Project: Goals**

 Create a place where the community can learn and celebrate the rich and diverse history of Roxbury.

 Create a welcoming outdoor passive recreation area and make the park more accessible, raise its profile, and engage more people in the process. P10 Exhibit Intro
P10G Glass panel texture



#### **Public Process = Better Project**

- Three public workshops during design process
- Numerous targeted stakeholder meetings involving community groups, cultural and academic institutions
- Outreach to Boston Public School students
- Senior roundtables
- Public process resulted in improved project scope; additional restrooms, improved entrance, expanded program space, community gallery space, a more welcoming and flexible outdoor space and more robust exhibits.









#### Commonwealth's Investment

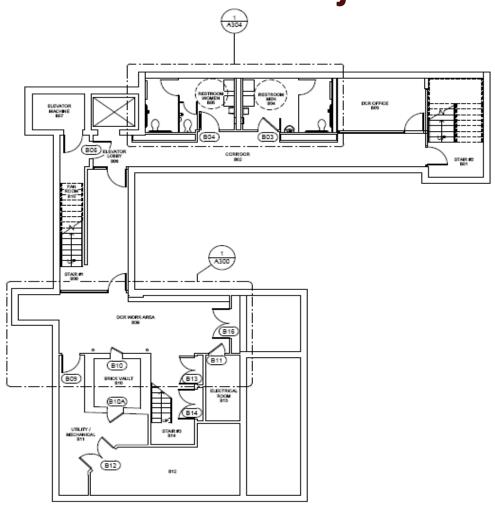
## **Financial Commitment** through EEA's Gateways Cities Program:

- Design and permitting \$500,000
- Early action projects \$250,0000
- Construction \$2.59 million
- Exhibits \$400,000

**Total investment \$3.74 million** 



#### **Project Overview**

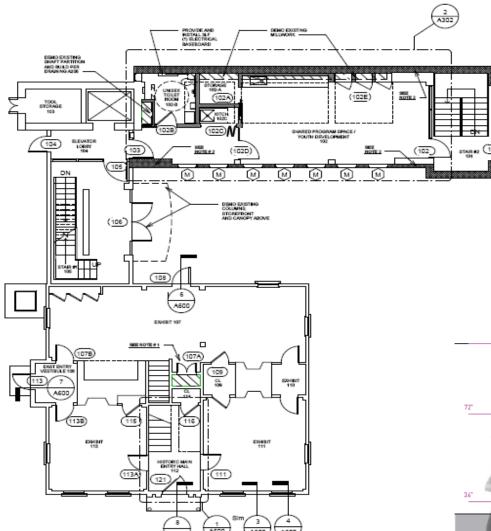


## Final Design-Basement Improvements

- Rehabilitation of restrooms
- Improved workshop space for staff

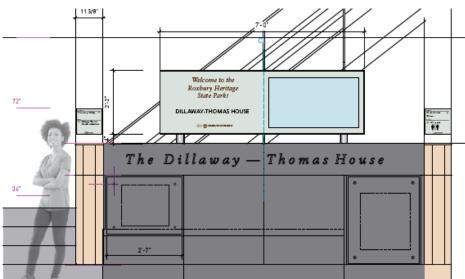


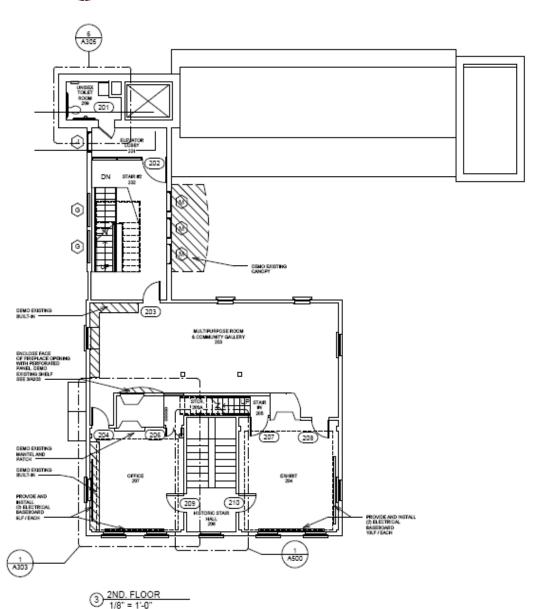




## Final Design 1st Floor Improvements

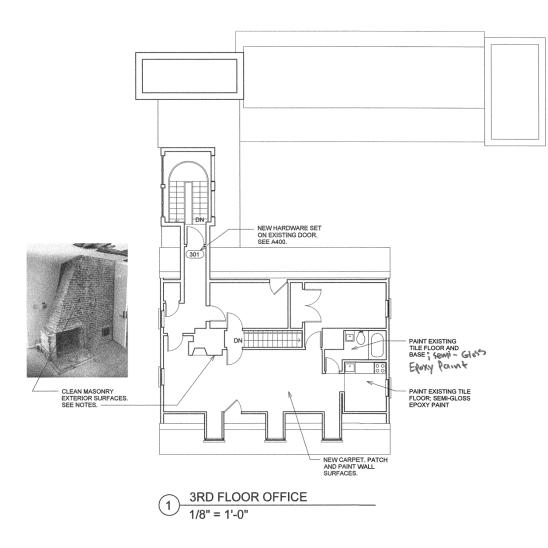
- More welcoming entrance
- Shared program space: new unisex toilet, kitchenette, exhibit space and audio visual upgrades
- New finishes throughout-- flooring, painting, light fixtures and electrical service
- Expanded exhibit space in historic house





#### Final Design-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Improvements

- New unisex bathroom
- Community gallery
- Expanded exhibit space
- Audio visual upgrades

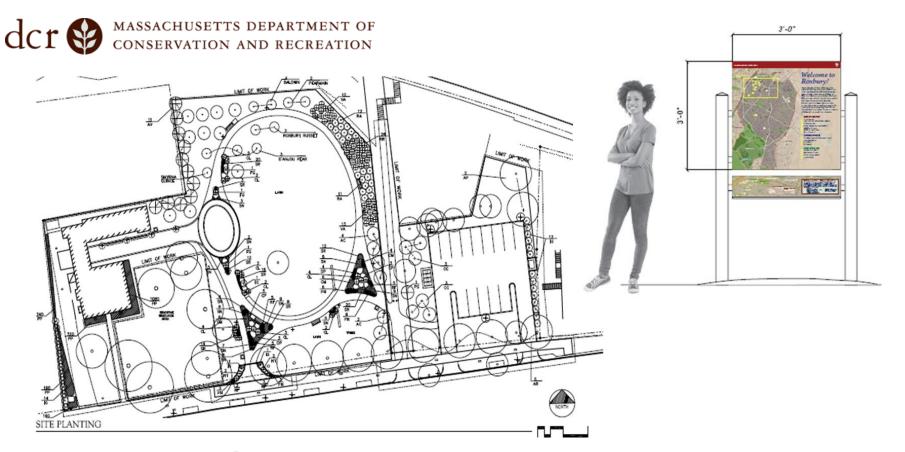


## Final Design – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Improvements

Upgrading Finishes

#### **Exterior Improvements**

- Carpentry repairs
- Masonry repointing
- Exterior painting



#### Final Design-Site Plan

- Welcoming entrance: new fence and gate, signage, and orientation kiosk
- Central gathering and performance space; improved walkways
- Expansion of orchard
- New site furnishings, lighting and outdoor exhibits
- Reorganized and improved parking lot



#### PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE





#### **Project Construction Overview**

- Project went out to bid in August 2016
- Bids received at the end of September 2016
- Contract awarded to Campbell Construction Group, LLC in December 2016
- Mobilization and interior restoration began in February 2017

#### **Site Work Completed to Date**

- Protection of sensitive resource areas
- Site demolition
- Installation of site drainage and utilities
- Rough grading

#### **Upcoming Site Work**

- Installation of walkways and paving of parking area
- Installation of new fencing, exterior lighting, and other site amenities
- Finish grading
- Planting



#### **Building Rehabilitation Completed to Date**

- Interior demolition
- Rough plumbing and electrical
- Rough carpentry
- Fire suppression
- Installation of new windows and selective restoration of historic windows
- Restoration of historic portico (off site)
- Masonry repointing
- Sheetrock and plastering
- Prep for painting



#### **Upcoming Building Work**

- Interior and exterior painting
- Installation of historic portico
- Installation of new plumbing fixtures and bathroom accessories
- Installation of new interior lighting
- Installation of new cabinets and casework
- Installation of new flooring
- Installation of new entrance doors
- Installation of new furnishings





#### **Revised Construction Schedule**

- Original Contract Completion Date September 2017
- Delays in project schedule due to unforeseen conditions and lead time for material delivery
- Revised Contract Completion Date November 2017



#### **Minority Participation Update**

GC – Campbell Construction:

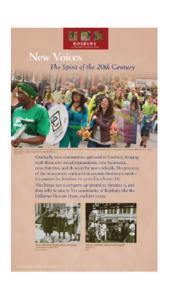
• 57% of their workforce for this project is minority

Site work/landscaping - Hurst Landscape & Site Services:

Contracted for 21.75% of the total contract

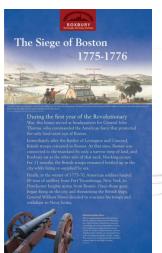
#### **Exhibit Update/Revised Timeline**

- Continue working with Roxbury Historical Society, finalize graphics and text – August/September 2017
- Contract documents finalized and bid August 2017
- Fabrication and installation of exhibits –Fall 2017
- RIBBON-CUTTING December 2017













#### **Future Programming and Partnerships**

- Developing staffing plan
- In discussion with Roxbury Historical Society to serve as the official Friends group for the property
- Looking to foster partnerships in the neighborhood to provide mission driven programming



#### **Community Engagement**

- 3 public meetings to provide construction updates
- Project Website
  - DCR posts general project updates
- Regular Construction Update Emails
  - Two Week Look-Aheads sent out to our project mailing list and posted on project website



# Questions and Conversation



#### **Additional Information**

#### For more information:

http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/

http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/planning-and-resource-protection/projects/roxbury-hsp-project.html

If you have questions on this project or if you wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations at 617-626-4973 or <a href="Mass.Parks@state.ma.us">Mass.Parks@state.ma.us</a>.